

I urge the Commission to reject petition 04-160 regarding local content on satellite radio. I have been an XM Radio subscriber for nearly a year and a half. I especially enjoy XM on longer trips. I live in a small town so XM's traffic and weather channels for a number of metropolitan areas is not that important for me on a daily basis. However, I recently took a trip that found me traveling through the Chicago area. I was able to tune to XM's Instant Traffic and Weather and immediately know why I was stuck in a backup, and that there were no other problem areas on my planned route. I did not have to search out a local broadcaster and wait for a while to get this information (this was not during drive time when local broadcasters present traffic information more often) This is a valuable service that I am paying for. The Commission has licensed this national satellite radio service. They should not be getting involved in content on channels that are available on a nationwide basis.